implementation of tht> Scheme with effect from 15th August H'87. To begin with, the Scheme will be c Derated for a period of three years and Jring this period the entire premium liabi ty will be borne by the Government of India. Under the Scheme which will c >ver all landless agricultural labourers in India, within tbe age group of 18 to 6X\ tSie Life Insurance Corporation of India will pay a sum of Rs. 1000 <<, the nonine$_e$ of the landless agricultural labourer in the event of his death. For such nsurunce cover, no premium is to be paid by the landless agricultural labourets. LIC, will operate thi$_s$ scheme on a *'r>i* profit no loss' basis as the objective of the Scheme is to provide insurance protaction to all landless agricultural laboure s.

Use of Rabi tdra Rangashala

*2038. SiHRl N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI *URAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCAS (TNG be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government areaware that the capita es unused for a long time; and

(b) if so, whet rer Government has any plans to renovate and make use of this theatre for ı lie purpose for which *it* was built?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NFORMATION AND BROADCASTS ,■ (SHRI AlIT PAN-JA): (a) and (b | The theatre has not proved to be very popular with public because of its loc ation. Still it has been used for perforn ances of various types including film si ows.

The theatre is being transferred to the Department of < lulture, Ministry of Hu-maa Resource I evelopment, so that it can be used for cultural activities in a more purposeful manner.

"♦•Previously Unstarred Question 1288, transferred from the 5th August, 1987.

Development of super absorbment polymer

$2039. SHRI AJIT P. K. IOGI; Will ihe PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a super absorbment polymer named 'Jal Shakti" has been developed by the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona which has the quality to retain water about two hundred times its weight and whether the scientists feel that this will revolutionise agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce enough quantity of "Jal Shakti" per annum and how it will be made available to the farmers; and

(c) what will be the cost of this polymer and whether it will be subsidised so that the small and landless farmers can make use of this polymer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Process for manufacture of "Jal Shakti" has been developed by the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona in collaboration with Indian Organic Chemicals Limited, Bombay who has set up a semi-commercial plant having a capacity of two hundred tons per annum. The firm has also obtained Government approval to set up a 5000 ton per annum capacity commercial plant for producing the polymer "Jal Shakti". They are distributing! market testing|selling this product all over India.

(c) The present ex-factory cost of "Jal Shakti" is Rs. 80 per kilo-gram which u expected to come down when production on large scale starts coupled with further R&D efforts. At present there is no subsidy on "Jal Shakti".

^Previously Unstarred Question 1392 transferred from the 7th August, 1987.